

## Army Corps plans work to fix failing slope along Montlake Cut



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SEATTLE—A portion of the bank along the Montlake Cut is failing, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plans to re-grade the bank this fall to protect the public and the navigation channel. Representatives from the Corps will be at an informational meeting to answer questions or hear concerns about the planned work July 25 from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Montlake Community Center, 1618 E. Calhoun Street in Seattle.

The Army Corps owns an easement on the Montlake Cut part of the Lake Washington Ship Canal and has been monitoring a section of the south bank, west of the Montlake Bridge, for several years. Geologists now believe that winter rains would cause this section to fail, potentially injuring pedestrians and spilling debris into the Ship Canal.

The Corps is planning to stabilize this area by re-grading the bank from a nearly vertical slope to a 2 to 1 slope, eliminating the risk of bank failure. This bank stabilization work will occur along the easement adjacent to homes at 1800, 1812, 1818, 1822, 1826, 1832, 1838, 1840, 1846, and 1852 E. Shelby Street.

Construction is likely to last as long as 15 days, during which time the westernmost section of Montlake Cut's south side trail will be closed. The project is tentatively scheduled to begin this fall, depending on weather, construction crew availability and permission from the City of Seattle for access through West Montlake Park.